

Abstract

Research Title: The Role of Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Agricultural Theory Learning Center of the Sub-district Affected the Quality of People's Life in Pasak Sub-district, Phu Sang, Phayao Province

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The purposes of the research entitled “The Role of Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Agricultural Theory Learning Center of the Sub-district Affected the Quality of People's Life in Pasak Sub-district, Phu Sang, Phayao Province” were (1) to study the role of Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Agricultural Theory Learning Center of the Sub-district Affected the Quality of People's Life in Pasak Sub-district, Phu Sang, Phayao Province (2) to investigate the problems and obstacles of the operation of Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Agricultural Theory Learning Center of the Sub-district (3) to compare the Quality of People's Life in Pasak Sub-district before and after of the establishment of the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Agricultural Theory Learning Center of the Sub-district and (4) to do the strategic plan of the operation on promoting the knowledge and developing the skills for life for people in Phu Sang, Phayao Province based on the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Sustainable Agricultural Theory.

The research scope included the representatives of related sectors including academic sector, civil society and the private sector, community and government sector by using in-depth interviews, focus groups and questionnaires. In addition, they also had sharing and learning experiences to develop their life quality. In this research, the Non-Formal Education School of Pasak Sub-district was the main office which was responsible for the operation.

The results showed that the learning center of Pasak Sub-district had an important role to improve the life of people in Pa Sak Sub-district at a high level. In addition, the operation of the center learning was looking after by the committee which was set up from the integration of many related sectors. The role of Pasak learning Center was the center of the local experts or the people who accomplished form using the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy in daily lives. The operation of Pasak learning Center consists of six courses, including raising and growing frogs, breeding catfish in a semi-natural cement, household accounting, planting non-toxic vegetables, propagating planting and transforming Vetiver. All courses were needed by the villagers.

With regard to the problems and obstacles of the operation of Learning Center of the Sub-district, it caused from internal and external factors. As for the internal factor, it was personnel shortage inadequate personnel. While the external factor, the location of the learning center was not inconvenient to carry out activities and the water in the area was not enough.

Regarding to the comparison of life quality of people in Pasak Sub-district before and after the establishment of the Learning Center of the Sub-district, it indicated that the villagers were satisfied with their living increasingly for 5 aspects.

There were mental aspect, education aspect, income aspect, participation in the community aspect and the environment aspect.

According to the strategic plan of the operation on promoting the knowledge and developing the skills for life for people in Phu Sang, Phayao Province based on the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Sustainable Agricultural Theory; there were 2 strategies; 1) enhancing the Learning Center to have high performance and 2) creating the community to be self-reliant.

Key words: Role, Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy and New Agricultural Theory Learning Center of the Sub-district, quality of life

